

This is a night I will never forget. This very special night, I surrendered the lies and false identities I constantly saw when looking at the looking glass. I finally was able to surrender this idol of self-condemnation, and this small surrender has made a huge impact. After the ceremony, Jason asked me to punch the mirror, and seeing the shards of glass shatter in every direction holds a symbol of freedom to me. I needed to fall apart to be put back together the correct way. Those shards of glass represent the death of the old Charlie, and I have been born again as one of God's adopted sons. In love, God has predestined me for adoption and now I am His...I am reminded of Galatians 1:7—"In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." [That night] did so much more than make me a new being in Christ. I heard and believed the Truth that night, and at that moment I was sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit. I want to scream on the mountain tops that "The Holy Spirit dwells within me!" I have never felt as close and as connected to Him. I can feel His love.

Seeing the obedience of Charlie and the other TBG participants to surrender their idols and their whole hearts to the lordship of Christ is like witnessing a miracle. We know that Jesus promises us that when we lose our lives for His sake, we will find them (Matt. 10:39), and that "...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor. 5:17). Yet, how many of us actually have the privilege of witnessing Jesus transforming someone first-hand? We can't help but step back in awe and praise God for how He continues to call people to repentance in His kindness, and bring new life to those who are willing to die to themselves for His sake. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer, financial support, encouragement and sharing how Jesus continues to transform people who surrender everything to Him.

In Christ,

Patrick Silvis
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Marriage Conference: Marriage Redeemed

Tuff Stuff Ministries is hosting a married couples conference entitled "Marriage Redeemed—Learning a 'New Dance'", April 13th in Lake Oswego. There is hope and healing available for couples dealing with infidelity, and this conference will be an encouragement for those seeking to restore their marriage. For more information, call 503-310-2754 or email dmiller@icmusa.org.



RHN Conference: HOPE 2019



This year's Restored Hope Network conference, HOPE 2019, will take place on June 21-22 in Minneapolis, MN. Keynote speakers include June Hunt, Alex McFarland, Juli Slattery and Phil Courson. There will also be breakout sessions, worship and fellowship. For more information and registration, visit www.restoredhopenetwork.org.

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events calendar

tuesdays in april Taking Back Ground Wives Group

Discipleship programs for men and women struggling with SSA; wives of husbands who struggle.
7-9:30 pm at the PF house.

thursdays in april Upper Room Community

Intensive discipleship program.

april 12
Hope Group
For Family and Friends.
Dinner will be provided.
6:30 pm at the PF house.

april 16-17
Jason Speaking
Jason will be sharing with
Portland Bible College's
Advanced Counseling class.

Speakers, counseling, youth support and personal support can be arranged through the office.

Check website for additional updates
at www.portlandfellowship.com